

## **Office of Foreign Assets Control**

### 31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 25B, 36, 37, and 38

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Publication of Web General Licenses.

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing four general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GL 25B, GL 36, GL 37, and GL 38, each of which was previously issued on OFAC's website.

**DATES:** GL 25B, GL 36, GL 37, and GL 38 were each issued on June 2, 2022. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional relevant dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <a href="https://www.treas.gov/ofac">www.treas.gov/ofac</a>.

## Background

On June 2, 2022, OFAC issued GL 25B, GL 36, GL 37, and GL 38 on its website to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. GL 25B and GL 38 do not contain expiration dates. GL 36 expires at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, August 31, 2022.

GL 37 expires at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 1, 2022. The texts of GLs 25B, 36, 37, and 38 are provided below.

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**Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations** 31 CFR part 587

#### **GENERAL LICENSE NO. 25B**

## **Authorizing Transactions Related to Telecommunications and Certain Internet-Based Communications**

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications involving the Russian Federation that are prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), are authorized.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, the exportation or reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, to the Russian Federation of services, software, hardware, or technology incident to the exchange of communications over the internet, such as instant messaging, videoconferencing, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos, movies, and documents, web browsing, blogging, web hosting, and domain name registration services, that is prohibited by the RuHSR, is authorized.
  - (c) This general license does not authorize:
- (1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the

Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian

Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(3) Any transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066 or E.O. 14068; or

(4) Any transactions involving Joint Stock Company Channel One Russia, Joint

Stock Company NTV Broadcasting Company, Television Station Russia-1, or Limited

Liability Algoritm, unless separately authorized.

(d) Effective June 2, 2022, General License No. 25A, dated May 8, 2022, is

replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 25B.

**Note to General License No. 25B.** Nothing in this general license relieves any

person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal

agencies, including export, reexport, and transfer (in-country) licensing requirements

maintained by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security under the

Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774.

Andrea M. Gacki

Director

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Dated: June 2, 2022

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 36

**Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Public Joint Stock Company** 

Severstal

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions

prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to

the wind down of transactions involving Public Joint Stock Company Severstal, or any

entity in which Public Joint Stock Company Severstal owns, directly or indirectly, a 50

percent or greater interest are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time,

August 31, 2022, provided that any payment to Public Joint Stock Company Severstal or

any other blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR):

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions* 

Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions

*Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions* 

Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the

National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the

Russian Federation; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions

involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons

described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki

Director

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Dated: June 2, 2022

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**GENERAL LICENSE NO. 37** 

Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Nord Gold PLC

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions

prohibited

by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind

down of transactions involving Nord Gold PLC or any entity in which Nord Gold PLC

owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest are authorized through 12:01

a.m. eastern daylight time, July 1, 2022, provided that any payment to Nord Gold PLC or

any other blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, Prohibitions

Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions

Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions* 

Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the

National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the

Russian Federation; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions

involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons

described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 38

**Authorizing Transactions Related to Pension Payments to U.S. Persons** 

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions

ordinarily incident and necessary to the processing of pension payments to U.S. persons

that are prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 are authorized, provided that the

only involvement of blocked persons is the processing of funds by financial institutions

blocked pursuant to E.O. 14024.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through

account for or on behalf of any entity determined to be subject to the prohibitions of

Directive 2, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and

Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the

Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian

Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign

Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions

involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons

described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

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